

- 40 percent of those receiving assessments had substance abuse issues within the previous 12 months;
- Youth Development Center admissions dropped from 975 in 2000 to 660 in 2001 to 605 in 2002. Females consisted of 13 percent of admissions in 2002;
- 47 percent of students entering YDCs read four grade levels below their grade placement;
- More than one third of YDC students are receiving special education (exceptional children) services;
- 85 percent of youth in YDCs were admitted on felony charges; and
- The average length of stay for a juvenile in an YDC has increased from 392 days in 2001 to 403 days in 2002, which officials say is due to providing more treatment.

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